

ANNEX III (continued)

Section B. Goods that were previously classifiable in HTS subheadings 6117.80.90 and 6217.10.90 (as superseded by subdivisions (3) and (4) of section A of this Annex) as headbands, ponytail holders and similar articles shall be eligible, effective with respect to (1) goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after June 13, 1996, and before the effective date of section A of this annex, and (2) for which customs entries were unliquidated or under protest or pending other administrative action pursuant to Customs Service rules or regulations, for the duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences set forth in the special rates of duty subcolumn for HTS subheading 6117.80.85 or 6217.10.85, as appropriate, which would have applied if such goods were entered on the effective date of section A of this annex, provided that the importer requests such duty-free treatment within 60 days of the date of publication of this proclamation in the *Federal Register* and supplies such information as Customs officials may request.

Section C. For the following HTS subheadings, the Rates of Duty 1-General subcolumn is modified on January 1 of each year in the table below by deleting the existing rate of duty and by inserting in lieu thereof the rate of duty specified in the table below for such year.

HTS Subheading	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
6117.80.85	15.1%	15%	15%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	14.6%
6117.80.95	15.1%	15%	15%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	14.6%
6217.10.85	15.1%	15%	15%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	14.6%
6217.10.95	15.1%	15%	15%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	14.6%

Section D. For HTS subheadings 6117.80.85, 6117.80.95, 6217.10.85 and 6217.10.95, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn is modified on January 1, 1998, by deleting "1.5% (CA)" and by inserting, in alphabetical sequence, the symbol "CA" in the parentheses following "Free" rate of duty in such subcolumn.

Section E. For the following HTS subheadings, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn is modified on January 1 of each year in the table below by deleting the existing rate of duty preceding the symbol "MX" in parentheses and inserting in lieu thereof the rate of duty specified in the table below for such year.

HTS Subheading	1998	1999
6117.80.85	2.6%	Free
6117.80.95	2.6%	Free
6217.10.85	2.6%	Free
6217.10.95	2.6%	Free

Proclamation 6970 of January 30, 1997

National African American History Month, 1997

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

For much of the past century, the contributions that African Americans and other minorities have made to our Nation's progress were not fully recognized. African American History Month is an important means by which we help right that wrong. It awakens our collective social conscience to the importance of giving all of our children a complete and accurate record of their country's history. And, perhaps most impor-

tant, it helps to reinforce America's highest ideals—our respect for diversity, community, and freedom.

During this time of celebration and learning we are inspired by the courage, wisdom, and vision of men and women such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Carter G. Woodson, and Fannie Lou Hamer. These great Americans dedicated their lives to ensuring that the ideals of freedom and equality are guaranteed to all. Their noble efforts—and the efforts of those they inspired—renewed the spirit of our founding creed: "All men are created equal." As we approach the 21st century, it is more vital than ever that we remain vigilant in protecting the ideals these visionary leaders fought so hard to uphold. We must continue to extend the circle of equality, justice, and opportunity until it embraces every American.

As we pay homage to our past, throughout the month of February and all year long, let us, with enlightened minds and emboldened hearts, continue the legacy of the civil rights movement. Let us present a diverse but united front to those who would reverse the vital progress that has been made. As the world's beacon of hope and freedom, let us approach the new millennium keeping this vigil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 1997 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs that raise awareness of African American history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Proclamation 6971 of February 1, 1997

American Heart Month, 1997

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

More than 700,000 men and women die each year of heart disease, making it the leading cause of death in our country. Annually, about 1.5 million Americans suffer heart attacks, one-third of which are fatal. Collectively, diseases of the heart and blood vessels claim about 960,000 American lives annually. These statistics only hint at the individual and collective tragedy brought on by heart disease and stroke and underscore the need for us to do everything possible to combat cardiovascular diseases.

Research has brought dramatic improvements to our knowledge of heart disease and how to combat it. We have learned much in recent years and now know that the processes leading to heart disease typically begin early in life and worsen over the years; symptoms often do